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Sir:

In accordance with Title 37, Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 of the Code of Federal Regulations, and pursuant to Applicants' duty of candor and good faith toward the United States Patent and Trademark Office, the Examiner's attention is drawn to the art indicated on the attached PTO-1449 form.

Form PTO-1449 is attached to this paper listing documents submitted in the above related case. It is respectfully requested that these documents be considered by the Examiner and an initialed copy of each form be returned to the Agent of record.

This disclosure statement should not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information, as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(a) exists.

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A translation of JP 3,496,955 is attached, and while every attempt to obtain an accurate translation has been made, Applicants do not warrant the translation. Additionally, the original Japanese language document is also attached for completeness.

A copy of each document is enclosed. Some of the documents may have markings thereon. No significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

We believe that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR § 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedures § 609. If for any reason, the Examiner considers the disclosure or documents to not comply with these sections, notification is respectfully requested.

Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' Agent if there are any matters or issues outstanding.

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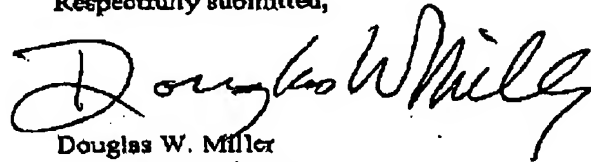
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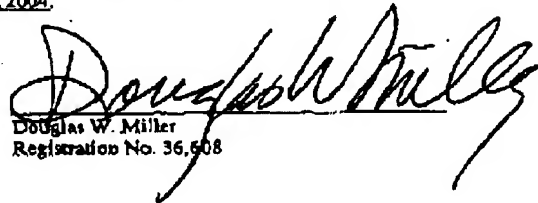


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